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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/893,680

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FOR: BIS(2-ARYL-5-PYRIDYL) DERIVATIVES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 in favor of the following new paragraph as follows: ✓

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~~In formula (1), the aromatic hydrocarbon group represented by A is preferably a group which has 6 to 14 carbon atoms, with a phenyl or naphthyl group being more preferred and a phenyl group being particularly preferred. These groups may contain 1 to 3 substituents. Suitable examples of such substituents include lower alkyl groups, lower alkoxy groups, halogeno(lower alkoxy) groups, lower alkoxy(lower alkoxy) groups, hydroxy(lower alkoxy) groups, carboxyl group, (lower alkoxy)carbonyl groups, unsubstituted or (lower alkyl)- and/or (lower alkoxy)-substituted carbamoyl groups, lower alkanoyl groups, formyl group, lower~~